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In Azerbaijan, Nazim is known as the father of microfinance, having played a key role in establishing no less than five of the first microfinance institutions in the country between 1996 and 2001, and later serving as the First Chairman of the Azerbaijan Microfinance Association (AMFA).

From 2010-2016 Nazim served as FINCA Impact Finance Regional Training Manager, including responsibility for management of FINCA Development Academy operations in the Eurasia region (including Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kosovo, Russia, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Jordan). Nazim has directly managed delivery of microfinance, livelihoods, and capacity building programs in extended assignments outside his home country for Mercy Corps International (Ethiopia, Jordan), FINCA Impact Finance (Afghanistan), and the Mennonite Economic Assistance Agency (Ukraine). In 2018, Nazim implemented a USAID Local Enterprise Support (LENS) Project-funded capacity building initiative for microfinance institutions in Jordan. In Azerbaijan, Nazim's work with banks and microfinance institutions in Azerbaijan played a positive role in the resolution of many delinquency and default cases during the financial crisis of 2016-18.

Nazim operates under the brand name of Nazim Aliyev Business Training (NABT), and plans to grow this operation into a sustainable, legally-registered Training Center serving capacity building needs, promoting innovation, and enhancing collaboration among businesses, government, and professionals in Azerbaijan. Nazim holds a graduate degree in Social Economics from the Azerbaijan State Economic University and a postgraduate degree in Human Resources Studies from Manchester University, UK (British Council Chevening Scholarship). Nazim is also a meditation trainer accredited by the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Center, Italy, and an E-learning Instructional Designer by the Association for Talent Development (USA). Last but not the least Nazim was selected as a finalist for the British Councils Global UK Alumni awards for 2018-19 for his Professional Achievements in Azerbaijan and Internationally.